

**SCC SMALL GROUP**  
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**Authentic Growth**  
**Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 2:20-21 & Philippians 2:12-13**

**Getting Started:**

- A. What is your growing edge right now: growing stronger, growing smarter, growing emotionally or growing spiritual?
- B. When it comes to your growth do you feel you need—better seeds, better soil, more water, some fertilizer, weeding...?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

- A. What do each of these passages state about growth:
- Hebrews 5:12-13 (checking out the Living Bible)
  - 2 Peter 3:18 (Proverbs 8:5)
  - 1 Timothy 4:7b
- B. Look up Philippians 2:12-13.
- What are we called to do in this passage?
  - What is God doing for us?
  - What's the end result?
- C. In 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NRSV) What does Paul call us to do as Christians?
- How does "self-examination" help us in our Christian Growth?
- D. Do you find anything "surprising or shocking" in Luke 14:26?
- What do you think the point is that Jesus is making?

E. In I John 4:21 we are commanded to "love our Christian brothers and sisters."  
From your experience why are some Christians harder to love?

F. Read John 8:32. What Scriptural truth has set you free? From what?

G. Check out Luke 9:23, what does it mean to you to "deny yourself"? Right now,  
what is your "daily cross" you need to pick up?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. Which point in Pastor Scott's message stood out to you last Sunday?

B. "God is working in you" (Philippians 2:13) right now where or what is He working  
on in your life?

C. In terms of growth, could you use: more time with God, prayer, tithing, or  
fellowship with other Christians?